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Notification of Two Teleconferences and

a Face-to-Face Meeting of the

Science Advisory Board Economy-Wide Modeling Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public teleconferences of the SAB Economy-Wide Modeling Panel. The SAB Staff Office also announces a public face-to-face meeting of the SAB Economy-Wide Modeling Panel.

DATES: The public teleconferences will be held on March 10, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern Time) and May 19, 2016 from 1 pm – 4 p.m. (Eastern Time). The public face-to-face meeting will be held on July 19 – 20, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: The teleconferences will be held by telephone only. The face-to-face meeting will take place at George Washington University, Milken Institute School of

Public Health, Convening Center A and B, 950 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20052. The public can view the July 19 – 20, 2016 face-to-face meeting via a non-interactive, live webcast that will be broadcast on the internet. The connection information to view the webcast will be provided on the meeting webpage at the time of the meeting. The meeting webpage may be found by going to <http://epa.gov/sab> and clicking on the calendar then the meeting date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public teleconferences or public meeting may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2073 or via email at stallworth.holly@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found at the EPA SAB website at <http://epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDAA) codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB Economy-Wide

Modeling Panel will hold two public teleconferences to discuss its draft responses to charge questions from EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics and the Office of Air and Radiation on the role of economy-wide modeling in generating estimates of social costs and benefits for air regulations at EPA. After holding teleconferences on March 10, 2016 (3 p.m. – 6 p.m.) and May 19, 2016 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) to discuss its draft responses to charge questions on social costs and benefits, the SAB Economy-Wide Modeling Panel will hold a face-to-face meeting on July 19 – 20, 2016 to deliberate on charge questions on analyzing economic impacts and comparing estimates of social costs, benefits, and economic impacts using economy-wide modeling. Some meeting time at the July 19 – 20, 2016 meeting may also be devoted to discussion of draft responses to EPA's charge questions on social costs and benefits. The EPA-authored white papers on economic impacts analysis and the comparison of estimates of social costs, benefits and impacts using economy-wide modeling will be provided to the Panel and the public prior to the July 19 – 20, 2016 face-to-face meeting. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. Background information on the SAB Economy-Wide Modeling Panel can be found at http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/fedrgstr_activites/Economywide%20modeling?OpenDocument.

Availability of the meeting materials: Agendas, EPA's forthcoming white papers and other meeting materials will be posted on the SAB website prior to the teleconferences

and face-to-face meeting. To find these materials, go to <http://epa.gov/sab> and click on the calendar and then the respective meeting dates. For questions concerning EPA's review materials on economy-wide modeling, please contact Dr. Ann Wolverton, EPA National Center for Environmental Economics at wolverton.ann@epa.gov or 202-566-2278.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to the EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments on the topic of this advisory activity, including the charge to the Panel and the EPA review documents, and/or the group conducting the activity, for the SAB to consider during the advisory process. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it consists of comments that provide specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB panel to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at the will be limited to five minutes per speaker for the face-to-face meeting and three minutes per speaker for the teleconference. Interested parties should contact Dr. Holly Stallworth,

DFO, in writing (preferably via email), at the contact information noted above, one week (7 days) prior to the teleconference or face-to-face meeting to be placed on the list of public speakers for that teleconference or meeting.

Written Statements: Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office one week (7 days) prior to each meeting or teleconference. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO, preferably in electronic format via email. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Stallworth at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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